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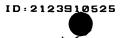
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REQUEST	FOR	CONTINUED	EXAMINATION	(RCE)	TRANSMITTAL

Sir:	
	s is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § the above-identified application.
1	Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
2	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
3. <u>x</u>	_ Enclosed is/are
	X Amendment/Reply.
	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
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	Other:
4. <u>*</u>	Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
	A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
	X A verified statement to establish small entity status
	was previously filed and such status is still proper
	and desired.
5. X	A check in the amount of \$ 580.00 is enclosed.



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6. <u>x</u>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any v rpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.						
							
	X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).						
	X Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).						
	Other fees						

Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted along with the RCE enclosed herewith in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 4, 2002, making an Appeal Brief due February 4, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The fee for a two-month extension for a small entity is \$205.00. A check for \$580.00 is enclosed, which amount includes the extension fee and the RCE filing fee. With the two-month extension, an Appeal Brief is now due on April 4, 2003, and this Amendment and RCE are being submitted in lieu thereof. Accordingly, this Amendment and RCE are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: